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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING NOV 26, 1974: FLEXIBILITY STUDY

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1. AT DPC MEETING NOV 26 PERMREPS APPROVED REPORT ON SACEUR'S FLEXIBILITY STUDY.

2. WHILE LENDING WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT TO SACEUR'S REPORT, MCAULIFFE (US) NOTED CRITICALLY THAT DPC MINISTERS HAD DECIDED ON NEED FOR SUCH REPORT IN JUNE; BUT SHAPE HAD NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTION UNTIL OCTOBER 2. ON A PERSONAL BASIS MCAULIFFE DEPLORED THIS TARDY PROCESSING THAT SEVERELY LIMITED SACEUR'S TIME TO DO PRODUCTIVE WORK. HE POINTED OUT THAT AS A RESULT, SACEUR'S, THREE PHASE WORK OUTLINE WOULD NOT PROVIDE MINISTERS WITH A SUBSTANTIVE REPORT ON FLEXIBILITY
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UNTIL DECEMBER 1975. HE ASKED THAT SACEUR'S REPORT IN JUNE 1975 GO BEYOND IDENTIFYING CONSTRAINTS AND PROVIDE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTERS ON ACTIONS ALLIED GOVERNMENTS MIGHT TRY TO IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY. MINISTERS COULD THEN GIVE EARLY GUIDANCE ON ACTIONS NEEDED TO MAKE THE FLEXIBLE USE OF

FORCES A REALITY.

3. SYG LUNS POINTED OUT THAT SACEUR HAS DONE GOOD WORK IN A VERY SHORT TIME BUT ASKED GEN SHAEFER (ACTING CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE) IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR SACEUR TO PROVIDE A MORE SUBSTANTIVE REPORT TO MINISTERS IN JUNE ALONG LINES WHICH THE US SUGGESTS. GEN SHAEFER, AFTER RECALLING SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME MC HAD TO CONSIDER FLEXIBILITY PROPOSAL, SAID HE COULD ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH US VIEW. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) ENDORSED US POSITION.

4. IN SUMMING UP SYG LUNS SAID HE AND THE COUNCIL SHARED MR. MCAULIFFE'S VIEW AND BELIEVED THAT MINISTERS WOULD HAVE A MORE MEANINGFUL REPORT FOR THEIR SPRING 1975 MEETING. MCAULIFFE

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